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1. DIAGNE ALTERNATE IS MR. ALO MENU, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR CONTROL OF MIGRATORY LOCUSTS IN AFRICA, AND IS GHANEAN CITIZEN. CONCURRENCE EMBASSY ACCRA REQUESTED.

2. DIAGNE ETA AUGUST 1, 1976 TO COINCIDE WITH PERIOD IN U.S. IN WHICH CLIMATE MOST RESEMBLES THAT OF SAHEL, OTHER AFRICAN REGIONS, AND WHEN RELATED PROGRAMS MORE LIKELY TO BE OPERATING.

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW: MR. DIAGNE'S VISIT WILL UNDERSTANDABLY FOCUS ON INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS MOST DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVES OF OICMA. APPROPRIATE USDA BUREAU IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE SHOULD BE VISITED, AS WELL AS UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR RESEARCH CENTERS CONCERNED WITH PROTECTION OF CROPS (MAINLY CEREALS) FROM LOCUSTS AND OTHER INSECTS. HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT A TROPICAL AGRICULTURE CENTER, PERHAPS IN FLORIDA

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OR PUERTO RICO, AND THE SOUTHWEST OF THE U.S.

WHERE THE CLIMATE AND TERRAIN RESEMBLE THOSE OF
THE SAHEL. MR. DIAGNE ATTENDED BAMAKO'S REMOTE
SENSING CONFERENCE LAST SPRING, AND HAS SPEARHEADED
OICMA'S USE OF SATELLITE PHOTO IMAGERY. THUS,
VISITS TO THE EROS DATA CENTER IN SIOUX FALLS, NASA
IN HOUSTON, INTELSAT, AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. CATTLE RAISING AND PASTURES
ARE ANOTHER INTEREST. HE FRANKLY ADMITS THAT ALTHOUGH
HE HAS VISITED WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, HE HAS LITTLE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THEIR CULTURE AND
TRADITIONS, POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, ETC. HE WOULD LIK
TO VISIT THE U.N., MUSEUMS, UNIVERSITIES,
AND TYPICAL AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN THE HINTERLAND.
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